

Summary

The Asian Solidarity Committee (ASC) is a new, major Communist front organization conceived and created by the World Peace Council (WPC) and the first front to be organized on a purely regional basis rather than ^{based} on a profession, class, group or issue. It could be called "a front of a front" since it seemed ~~destined~~ ^{intended} at first to take over much of the WPC work in ~~that area~~ Asia and Africa. As it develops, however, its function appears to be more supplementary to the WPC work or as the first activation of a drastic re-organization ^{ostensibly} of the World Peace Movement into regional and ~~quasi~~-autonomous structures ~~although the WPC central relationship will be maintained.~~ ~~although it is closely related to the WPC.~~ although the central liaison and coordination relationship with the WPC is maintained.

The ASC has tried, and succeeded to some extent, to draw in non-Communist representatives although Communist control is assured by able Communists and fellow-travelers throughout its membership. The presence of Diet and Parliamentary members on its rosters suggests that the ASC will seek ~~to~~ a quasi-official status in each non-Communist country, will attempt to infiltrate and influence government policies, and to "speak" for each country as a whole.

The over-all purpose of the ASC ~~is to attract support from~~ ^{are two: (a) provide an environment in which Communists can win acceptance} the non-Communist nationalist forces, whose ~~basic principles~~ ^{to reflect the aims} of independence, neutralism, and anticolonialism ⁱⁿ serve support of the main Sino-Soviet ~~goals~~ ^{and to aid in the elimination of Western} foreign policy goals, of destroying Western influence through ^{non-Communist, nationalist} exploiting anti-Western nationalism. The main targets are intellectuals and workers who ^{may be vulnerable to the appeals of an ostensibly non-Communist organization based on} are susceptible ~~of~~ being rallied around new symbols of friendship to the Soviet orbit and ~~one of many traditional themes of racial pride & unity, mentalism and hostility~~ of hostility to the Atlantic Community. ^{to be used}

